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SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: PUERTO RICO AND UN
COMMITTEE OF 24

REF: STATE 49329, TUNIS 1433

1. TUNISIA'S GENERAL ATTITUDE ON THE QUESTION OF
PUERTO RICO AND THE UN COMMITTEE OF 24 HAS IN THE
PAST BEEN DETERMINED BY ITS MEMBERSHIP IN THE NON-
ALIGNED GROUP AND BY ITS CLOSE REALTIONS WITH THE
UNITED STATES SINCE ITS INDEPENDENCE. TAKEN TOGETHER,
THESE TWO FACTORS HAVE INFLUENCED THE GOT TO AVOID
TAKING A LEAD ON PUERTO RICO AND HAVE RESULTED IN
ABSTENTIONS ON RECENT KEY VOTES IN THE COMMITTEE.
THE GOT DOES NOT WANT TO OFFEND THE U.S. ON A
QUESTION OF THIS NATURE TO WHICH WE ATTACH VERY
HIGH IMPORTANCE, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME IT IS
UNDER GREAT PRESSURE FROM RADICAL MEMBERS OF THE
NON-ALIGNED GROUP TO VOTE AGAINST US. ITS RESPONSE
TO SUCH CONFLICTING FORCES IS CUSTOMARILY ABSTENTION.
IF WE DETERMINED THAT TUNISIA'S VOTE WERE CRUCIAL
TO DEFEAT OF A HOSTILE RESOLUTION ON PUERTO RICO,
A VERY HIGH LEVEL APPROACH WOULD BE REQUIRED TO
CONVINCE THE GOT TO RECONSIDER ITS POLICY OF
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ABSTENTION AND CAST A VOTE IN THE COMMITTEE MORE

FAVORABLE TO US. WE WOULD HAVE TO PRESENT CONVINCING ARGUMENTS THAT THE GAINS TO THE GOT WOULD MORE THAN OFFSET THE POTENTIAL PROBLEMS TO TUNISIA'S NON-ALIGNED STANDING CAUSED BY A SHIFT FROM "NEUTRALITY" TO A "PRO-US" VOTE.

2. WE SEE NO PROBLEM IN INVITING GOT UN REPRESENTATIVE AND/OR AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON TO VISIT PUERTO RICO.

3. NO PUERTO RICAN INDEPENDENCE NOR WORLD PEACE COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES HAVE, TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, BEEN ACTIVE IN TUNISIA.
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